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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

To The Commissioner for Patents:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2007. The shortened period for response extends to December 10, 2007. Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12-18, 20-22, 31-33, 35-40, and 42-44 were rejected by the Examiner. Consideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.